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Dear SSFL Stakeholders -

Attached below is an email that I just sent to Daniel Wiseman of the Santa Susana Mountain Area Committee. My email provides comments on both SSMAC's proposed August 26th agenda and draft meeting notes from their June 24th meeting. In order to provide transparency on EPA's comments on these two topics, I have attached my entire email which is provided below.

Let me know if you have any comments or questions.

Thanks,  
 Craig

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Dear Mr. Wiseman -

Thanks for your August 22 email concerning the next SSMAC agenda and meeting minutes from past SSMAC meetings. By this email, I would like to take the opportunity to clarify two items mentioned in your email. I will also send a separate email to other SSFL stakeholders (and copy you) to let them know that EPA has provided these clarifications to you.

1. TASC at SSFL. EPA has not made any decision regarding next steps for TASC at SSFL. At this time, EPA cannot make any statements at a SSMAC meeting or any other SSFL group meeting about next steps for TASC at SSFL until we have completed our own internal assessment on this topic. We at EPA appreciate your patience on this issue; and as you may know EPA held an information session on TASC in Chatsworth on May 26th. If you wish, I would be happy to forward you the handouts that were provided at that meeting. In order to mitigate against further misunderstandings on this topic, we understand that EPA needs to make a decision on this issue

sooner versus later. However, please be aware that EPA will not be able to speak to this topic at your August 26th meeting.

2. SSMAC Draft Meeting Minutes - June 24, 2009 Meeting. Attached (see above) are EPA's recommended corrections to the draft minutes from the June 24th SSMAC meeting where Nicole and I gave an overview status presentation on our radiological studies at SSFL. These EPA edits are provided in redline/strikeout format to facilitate your review. We understand that preparation of minutes on technically complex topics such as radiological studies is a daunting task. If you wish, for the next time EPA makes a presentation at a SSMAC meeting, Nicole and I would be happy to review and comment on a preliminary draft of your meeting minutes concerning our presentation before the draft minutes are distributed to your membership.

Thanks for your interest in EPA's work at the SSFL. Nicole and I would be happy to return to SSMAC at an appropriate date in the future to provide another update on EPA's radiological studies at SSFL. Please let us know when your membership would be interested in such an update from EPA.

Thanks very much,

Craig Cooper

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To the WHNC Board Members, SSMAC Members and participants:

Here is a DRAFT AGENDA, two sets of MINUTES and several other attachments important to the August 26th SSMAC Meeting.

Please take the time to DOWNLOAD and READ the MINUTES and ATTACHMENTS.

They include important materials which we will be discussing and (perhaps) modifying for APPROVAL/REJECTION.

Thank you,

Daniel Wiseman  
SSMAC Chair

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**The WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL's**  
**SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAIN AREA COMMITTEE**  
**AGENDA (draft: 08/20/09)**  
**WEDNESDAY, August 26, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**at the Fairwinds Retirement Center,**

**8138 Woodlake Ave, West Hills**

**(the South east corner of Roscoe and Woodlake – enter from Woodlake)**  
**DEFINITION of SSMAC & CONDUCT OF SSMAC MEETINGS:** Revised:  
04/18/09

The SSMAC is a Standing Committee of the Los Angeles City Chartered West Hills Neighborhood Council (WHNC).

We are a gathering of WHNC Stakeholders, that is; anyone who lives works, owns property and/or has a declared interest in West Hills.

This Committee has as its policy to **Engage ALL interested parties,** including:

- (1) All WHNC Stakeholders**
- (2) City, State & Federal Regulatory Agencies**
- (3) Other City, County, State & Federal Agencies & Organizations**
- (4) Current & potential Owners, Operators and Staff Members of the  
**the properties of Concern (most of whom who are, by definition,**  
**WHNC Stakeholders, anyway)****
- (5) Environmental Activists**
- (6) Health and Environmental Experts**

As with any **Official Government Organization** in the State of California, we are bound by the Ralph M. Brown Act. **Public Comment**, the **Participation** of all interested parties and involved government agencies and **Preparation** for our meetings is actively encouraged.

We come together to learn about, to share our experiences, to discuss and to develop NC-related recommendations regarding the environmental conditions of

our NC's neighborhood and all sides of the Santa Susana Mountain .

On approval by the membership, we may address public health concerns in the WHNC area.

**We welcome and will consider all opinions but have a zero-tolerance for unseemly behaviors, foul language, and personal attacks in our meetings and in our dealings with others.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** and **SELF-INTRODUCTION OF PARTICIPANTS** with **BRIEF**

elaboration of recent activities, conferences, meetings or communications of interest.

a. ROSTER OF MEMBERS

Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Albert Saur	Dan Brin
Alec Uzemeck	John Luker	Charlene
Rothstein		
Bob Brostoff	Wally Perfect	Jack Unger
Chris Rowe	Adam Salkin	Daniel Wiseman

- **Discussion & Possible ACTION**: ACCEPTANCE of ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

- **Discussion & Possible ACTION**: ELECTION of a VICE CHAIR and other

SSMAC OFFICERS

b. PARTICIPANTS:

c. SPECIAL GUESTS:

2. **REVIEW & APPROVAL of the AGENDA and APPROVAL of the June 2009 and July 2009 Minutes**

3. **CHAIRPERSON's COMMENTS:**

a. We presented a plaque in appreciation to our hosts the Fairwinds Retirement Center  
at the last WHNC Meeting (August 5, 2009)

b. The Recommendations of the SSMAC were presented to WHNC and PASSED:

- Structure & Operations of SSMAC
- Implementation of Federal EPA "TASC" and California EPA "EEI" educative materials.
- Support for the SSMPA Amendments to AB102 (Smyth)

4. **FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT** on matters not on this agenda – 10 minutes.

5. **Introduction of the Federal EPA (TASC) and the California EPA (EEI) educational**

programs (handouts). **QUESTION FOR THE PARTICIPANTS: Which presentations would you like to hear?**

6. Current Status of Corporate Pointe – The Zone Change request of MEPT (represented by Trammel-Crowe & JMBM) was approved by City Council (CF #09-1510) on 08-07-09.

- a. Open – for discussion
- b.
- c.

7. Current Status of SSFL

a. Progress toward a Consent Understanding was announced by Maziar Movassashi ([MMovassa@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:MMovassa@dtsc.ca.gov)) with the replacement of Norm Riley by Rick Brausch ([rbrausch@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:rbrausch@dtsc.ca.gov)). A conversation with Mr. Brausch indicates that the DRAFT CONSENT ORDER has not been signed by anyone. It may be found at [dtsc-ssfl.com](http://dtsc-ssfl.com) or [dtsc.ca.gov](http://dtsc.ca.gov) (under “What’s New”). It has tacit approval from NASA and DOE but not Boeing. It is presented for discussion purposes only:

- **Open – for discussion**
- Position of DTSC:
- Position of LARWQCB:
- Position of DOE:
- Position of NASA:
- Position of BOEING:
- **POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval/Rejection/Modification**
- **POSSIBLE ACTION: Creation of Response Letter (see DRAFT #1, below)**

b. The Federal Department of Energy (DOE) has presented plans in its latest newsletter,

[http://www.etec.energy.gov/Cleanup/CleanUpdate/SSFL\\_CleanUpdateAug09.pdf](http://www.etec.energy.gov/Cleanup/CleanUpdate/SSFL_CleanUpdateAug09.pdf), to

describe its \$ 40 million **RadioActivity Survey** for “their” Area IV. In addition there is to be

a **BIOLOGICAL Survey** to identify vulnerable and protected species plus a **CULTURAL Survey** to describe the Native American (Chumash) and Scientific (SSFL-related) facilities in the area.

- POSSIBLE ACTION: Creation of Response Letter (see DRAFT #2, below)

9. **SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT – time permitting**

**10. Final Remarks, Announcements and Suggestions for future Meetings**

11. Adjournment

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# The WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL's SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAIN AREA COMMITTEE MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, June 24, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

at the Fairwinds Retirement Center,

8138 Woodlake Ave, West Hills

(South east corner of Roscoe and Woodlake – enter from Woodlake)

1. **CALL TO ORDER and SELF-INTRODUCTION OF PARTICIPANTS with BRIEF**  
elaboration of recent activities, conferences, meetings or communications of  
interest.
2. **The AGENDA was reviewed and approved/**  
The April 2009 and May 2009 Minutes were read, corrected and approved.
3. **CHAIRPERSON's COMMENTS:**
  - a, The Conduct of the Meeting was described by Chair Daniel Wiseman
  - b. We want to thank the many agency and consultant participants that took the time  
out of their busy schedules to come and participate in our May 2009 SSMAC  
meeting and this meeting.
4. **FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT on matters not on this agenda – 10 minutes.**
  - a. Bill Bowling announced an event at the ACMELA on June 25 commemorating the  
50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the SRE incident.
5. **Introduction of the Federal EPA-Region IX by Vice Chair Chris Rowe**  
– “Update on EPA's Radiological Studies at SSFL”  
- Nicole Moutoux and Craig Cooper – 30 minutes

A Power Point of this presentation may be found at... [http://www.etec-energy.gov/Health-and-Safety/Documents/EPARadSurvey/EPA\\_Background\\_Study\\_Presentation\\_December\\_1-4-2008-R5.pdf](http://www.etec-energy.gov/Health-and-Safety/Documents/EPARadSurvey/EPA_Background_Study_Presentation_December_1-4-2008-R5.pdf) at EPA's website for the SSFL at [www.epa.gov/region09/SantaSusana](http://www.epa.gov/region09/SantaSusana)

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EPA will be conducting a community meeting on July 15 at the Grand Vista Hotel in Simi Valley at 6:30 PM to describe the EPA's proposed Survey of Radioactivity in Area iv of the SSFL.

The plan is to start conducting the soil testing for the radiological background study by mid-August 2009 and produce a finished report on the SSFL Area IV radiological study by September 2011. The EPA requested and has received \$ 1.5 million for the background study and \$ ~~38.540~~ million for the SSFL Area IV radiological study RAD Studies-- which includes \$38.3M from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) of 2009.

The ~~rey~~ are three sampling areas proposed for background testing (50 surface samples per site = 100 and 40 subsurface samples).

Craig Cooper is leading the onsite study to test and report on locations with elevated radiological levels in soil and groundwater. Focus of EPA study is Area IV and the facilities operated by ETEC. Although restricted to Area ~~iv~~IV, further considerations may be necessary if contamination is seen to approach (and presumably cross) SSFL property lines.

Studies will be done by the gross gamma scanners and a separate work plan will be prepared. Gamma radiation data information will be uploaded to EPA computers immediately so that the information can be evaluated in real time, and be available. They anticipate the study will take a year and ~~the~~ and an EPA gamma scanner operator from EPA's Las Vegas laboratory project manager will be relocated to this area.

Soil and ~~W~~water testing plans will be developed in a different work plans. Plans for testing - as well as a plan for the - subsurface soil testing - will be included in the soil testing workplan.

Soil samples can figure upwards to 10,000 samples. A goal of the Area IV study ~~They~~ will be chasing the edges of the soil contamination.

Contamination outside of the site boundaries will be taken into consideration but it is not definite yet. On-site data will first need to be assessed before any decision for off-site testing. EPA and the State will coordinate prior to any off-site testing. This is part of the risk assessment.

The gamma scanning work is anticipated to end December 2010.

As stated above, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will be funding part of the study.

The DOE will be working with the EPA to conclude the study by September of 2011. There is no actual date for ending the study for the EIS mandated by the court. Once the EPA is done, then it will take the DOE another 18 months to complete the EIS.

DOE has appropriated funds for the EPA study and as stated above the DOE Recovery Act has provided DOE has provided EPA with \$38.3 million of DOE funding under the ARRA. The DOE website will provide additional information. The act requires transparency as well creating jobs.

They are planning to mitigate damages to the flora and fauna in the area as well as cultural relics. Experts will be working to assess the area for Chumash artifacts as well.

EPA is continuing to evaluate the TASC involvement and no decision has been reached.



Hydrogeology Inc. is the prime EPA contractor for both the background radiologic study and the soil and water testing for the Area IV radiological study studies. Colleen Garcia of HydroGeoLogic Inc ~~was is the representative that attended in attendance at this~~ meeting.

#### **6. Current Status of Corporate Pointe – Alec Uzemeck – 5 minutes**

The Trammel-Crow Construction Project has been going on for 20 months. DTSC gave the go ahead and has cleared planning. Alec signed off on the negotiated points as chairperson of the Hidden Lake development. He will be part of the monitoring of the development. They want to get back to the EIS, the risk assessment of the site and what the DTSC and EPA are going to do. LACITY Planning department has the case number of: CPC-2007-237-GPA-ZC-CU and the hearing date.

Q-conditions have been added to the plan and we will need follow up to make sure they are followed. If not followed, we will have to call Trammel Crow and report to Code Watch. Planning department will have to review and the landscaping letter will bring up the parking garage already in existence. More complete review report of our committee will have to go and a letter has to be provided.

Further discussions on Corporate Pointe were tabled by Dr. Sauer and Wally seconded. Motion carried.

#### **7. New Environmental Project – 22566 Vanowen Street / 6747 Sale Ave – Should there be an EIR? - Alec Uzemeck – 5 minutes**

Wally Perfect stated that all of the data is not in. Daniel Wiseman voiced his concern that there would not be enough staff to assure the safety of 40-45 children 2,3 4 and 5 years of age.

#### **8. Discussion of guidelines for the Santa Susana Mountain Area Committee – 50 minutes**

These proceedings were attended by our DONE Neighborhood Empowerment Analyst – Tom Soong.

Public health and safety issues may become an issue of concern if there is a substantial correlation. This will be determined in committee.

##### **a. Mission & Vision Statements of the Santa Susana Mountain Area Committee?**

Joanne moves that we retain the current mission statement with the addition of (Simi Hills) and Char seconded. It passed.

Chris Rowe suggested that the SSMAC Vision Statement should be similar to the Cal Dept of Health Vision Statement viz: to protect the public health and the

environment of the West Hills and the surrounding communities. The safest, cleanest and healthiest community we can provide. There was no formal motion made on the vision statement.

**b. SSMAC Membership. Voting privileges? Use of the “straw vote.”**

Membership may be based on regular attendance, some knowledge of the subject matter,

Joanne Yvanek-Garb moved that voting membership be limited to WHNC board members and that general membership be open to all interested parties (no second). Dan Brin moved that the WHNC board be asked to determine the voting and membership structure of this committee. This replaced Joanne’s motion. Dr. Saur seconded.

The **MOTION PASSED**: 8 for, 5 against, 1 abstention

The following items of discussion were deferred to the general meeting and a vote by the board:

- (1) It was suggested that meetings be guided by Robert’s Rules or other forms of Parliamentary Procedures?
- (2) Does the Vice–Chair have all authority of the Chair in the absence or inability of the Chair.
- (3) The appointment of a first Vice-Chair (Executive Officer)  
second Vice–Chair (Program Chairman)  
Moderator,  
Parliamentarian,  
Sergeant at Arms?  
What should their responsibilities be?
- (4) Shall the officers of SSMAC be an Executive Committee to create the agenda?
- (5) Policy on Public Comment. Time limits. Open for presentations and actions?
- (6) Connections and relationships between the SSMAC and other concerned parties. Is our Policy (stated above) sufficient?

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next meeting will be 7/22/09 – same time same place.

10. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.